The Rural School Term

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One thing to be remembered in connection with the rural school

term, as concerns the country at large, is that farm boys and farm

girls have a school term 46.6 days shorter than that of their city cous-

ins. In every section of the United States there is a discrimination in

our public school policy against farm boys and farm girls. For exam-

ple, this discrimination costs the country pupils of the South Atlan-

tic states 59.2 days, of the South Central states 56.4, of the North

Central states 31.4 of the Western states 35.7, and of the North At-

lantic division 28.8 days. In the language of O. W. Neale, professor

of rural education, State Normal school, Stevens Point, Wis., "The

further we go into the study of the rural school term the more evi-

dent it becomes that the country pupils are not given a square deal

In effect and for the country at large the rural school term may be

increased without voting another day of school or levying another

mill of school tax. How can this be done? Improve the average daily

attendance of the pupils actually enrolled in school. The enrollment

of pupils in the rural schools, according to the latest available data

(1910) on rural school enrollment, was 11,100,553, with an average

daily attendance therein of 7,509,558, making the average daily ab-

sences in the rural schools alone 3,590,995. These figures are ap-

palling. The average daily attendance in rural schools for the coun-

try at large is only 67.6 per cent-an average daily attendance of

11.7 per cent lower than that in urban schools. It is evident that

rural pupils are penalized in this matter of free school privileges not

only by the general policy of the various states but also by parents

SOME INDIANS OBJECT POSTAL SAVINGS GROW

remain out of school while school is in session.

who fail to do their duty by their own children in allowing them to

in free school privileges."

American Citizens.

Wealthy Red Men Do Not Like

the Idea of Paying Taxes.

their own affairs.

and there's a reason.

Uncle Sam is encountering some dif-

Secretary Lane of the interior de-

and leases his allotment for about \$800

cellent education by the government.

Both Patawa and Sampson urge

that a change in their condition would

! Mect their standing with their own

eople, thus diminishing their influence

selves beneficially to the methods of

to manage, without restriction, their

own affairs, they may lose their lands

and money; and that, in any event,

The last reason presents the crux

Japan Has Big Cities.

of the situation. Many of the compe-

they will have to pay taxes.

zenship.

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CHAPTER IX-Continued.

Upton is willing to give up the em- double-crossing cheat! Snide! Crook! sraid jewel for Kynaston's return, but Grafter! Tin-horn!" hesitates to risk his life by going to

puokes flame-backed. "Indeed. I shall take no further risk

in this matter. You will go, father; you, and we shall take the Bell." Wilkes stared at her, uncertain whether he had heard aright.

shot, Miss Dorothy? Why, it'd be sheer murder-no less! Have you both lost your minds?" The girl's lips were well-nigh color-

"But how?" he asked. "How can

you take the Bell-" "So that no one can detect it? Have no fear-wait" She disappeared with the Bell into her own room. A moment later she

returned, her face flushed with excite-ment, her eyes luminous, standing, a veritable picture, in the golden square of sunlight that lay upon the floor. her father. "Come! We have no time In safety till we return." Wilkes gave up, muttering his dis-

content as he turned away, shaking his gray head. "Ain't you got no sense, Upton? Don't you know that what you plan is

plumb madness? I've got a great mind to pull a gun on you an' not let you go one step. For answer Dorothy shook her head. fibe would not betray her father be-

fore them all. What she knew must forever remain hid. "No." she said again quickly: "he went for us and we owe it to him. Whatever shall be said of us, no man

shall say that we Uptons do not pay bur debts. I have the Bell where none Then came a sharp crack and a spit and rolled over as a shot rabbit rolls.

Like a man in a dream, Upton fol- of flame. She saw her father stagger The rearmost man—be of the artillery lowed her out the door. The rest of

the party morosely eyed the two as they walked down the hill, the girl golden-haired, trim-habited; the stur miner piodding besvily at her side. Bilently they passed down the slope; still speechless they crossed the arlojo reyond the alamos-the cottonwoods --where Wilkes and Manuel had made their capture that morning. As they approached the lines of the

beniegers they were greeted with a yell from the outpost. Twenty men surged forward to selze them, but were swept back by an officer, who sprang forward, machete in one hand, his low-swung sombrero in the other. Back, perros!" they heard him cry.

"It is Senor Upton himself who desires speech with el general. Is it not so mi Upton nodded carelessly.

About the cook-fires one or two women moved lastly. The whole camp was asleep in the sunlight as Upton and Dorothy entered the house. For a second the two stood at gaze, the glare of the sun still blinding them. But when their eyes had become accustomed to the cool, darkened in terior Dorothy gasped and Upton swore softly. There before them, his arms tied at the elbows behind his of the maddened group. back, stood Kynaston under charge of sat the blind priest, smiling quietly, and the squat-figured, bull-necked gensral, who was in a furious rage.

"And you dare to tell me that you do not know where it is, when the padre here says that he is sure you know %s whereabouts?"

Just then Upton stepped forward. "I have the Bell," he said quietly. "If you let Kynaston go, as you promise, you get it; otherwise not." The general uttered a "I'll hold you till I get pasty laugh. it, anyway." He waved his hand care- .ning." lessly in the direction of the young

ordered in an offhand way. than dog-you wretched, yellow cur! say! You horse thief, robber, villain, ban-

Upton was blazing, raving madthe Maxican camp. At this point Dor- angry. Despite the blood he had lost piny takes a hand in the negotiations. from the gunshot wound, his face was

perjured blackmailer! You dirty.

flery red. The veins stood out, knot-Dorothe rose, pale-faced, her eyes ted, on his head; his hands were groalight with blue fire, like two tur- ping furiously about his empty hol-"Is your word nothing?" he raved.

"Here you promised to free Kynaston you do owe it to him. I shall go with if I gave you the Emerald Bell; I come down to arrange the details; you seize me and execute him, anyway. Have you no sense of honor-not even a "You-you-you go? Not by a long mestizo's?"

man, who defied him even when knowing full well what tortures lay in store for the presumptuous, General Obispo less; but Wilkes, who knew men, knew stared open-mouthed at Upton, listenwhen he saw the tense lines in her ing without offering a word in answer. face that she had passed the dividing But when the miner told him he was tine between common sense and im- a double-dealer, and-what was worse -proved it, he came to life.

funny had it not been so serious. body positively shaking with anger.

"Here, put a bullet in him some body!" he roared, pointing at Upton. Taking advantage of the diversion, Kynaston drew back, shaking off his "Come!" she said imperiously to guards. But in a moment they seized him by the elbows and threw him to lose. You will keep these two men bodily out of the door. Upton, his fingers clenching and unclenching convulsively, stood eying the furious halfbreed, while Dorothy laid a restraining hand upon her father's arm.

Before he could even respond to the against the wall.

a dozen dirty, evil-smelling peon sol- they'll git! He's got it now!" diers hanging to Upton as ants hang | The rifle spat its mouthful of lead to a dying hornet.



"Stagger Back and Sink Forward the Center of the Group!"

She was about to scream, but a hand ing brokenly:

"Steady, Miss Dorothy! I know!

"No use, I tell you! They have killed "You bloody villain! You worse ably killed others last night! Come, I

WHEN EDITOR WAS DOCTOR NOT A MATTER OF CHOICE

English Provincial Newspaper Offices Once as Matter of Course Equipped With Medicine.

Keene's Bath Journal, which ceased publication recently, was one of the On the day before his son's wedding oldest weekly newspapers in the proy. he set out to give the young man a inces, says the London Times. Known last lesson in this useful habit. as the Bath Journal, it was founded in trait in wig and ruffles, by Hoare, wealth, while extravagance is the ruinforms a picturesque reminder of the ation of nations." His daughter married John period. Keene, the journal from this union passing on to and through a succession of Keenes, hence its title Keene's Bath Journal.

patent medicines were sold in provincial newspaper offices, and the drawers in which the pills and medicines were kept at the Journal office were until recently in their original positions. It was nothing unusual for the editor in the throes of writing his editorial to two hundred pounds. On the part of have to step down from his seat to serve a box of pills. The pages of the Journal were for a

long period largely taken up by advertisements of various "cure alls." Right Sort.

"What is this fine flavoring in the broth, Bill?" "I'll have to ask my wife to find out. but I guess it is something of a soup

herb kind,"

Envious. Meeks-My mother-in-law has been Weeks-You always were a lucky haen't been locked up yet.

Stunned by the very audacity of the

"My word is sacred; not even a gringo can impugn my honor!" he yelled. The paradox would have been Obispo arose, his face twitching, his



back, sink, helplessly to his knees, and sag forward on his face in the center

A bare five seconds she stood there.

a dream, a voice she had learned to Look at him, Wilkes." know and love. Kynaston was speak-

My heaven, if I could only have forenoise. Use your breath only for run- head.

"But-Mr. Kynaston-daddy-my fa-

There was no withstanding his ap-

Excellent Reason Why Married Mar Could Live on Less Money Than When He Is Single.

Old Jenkins was keen on economy. "Economy, my lad," said the old

The young man agreed with the pa-

rental wisdom.

"Now," went on the father, pointing the moral, "a woman can take a piece of straw and a yard of ribbon and turn As was the custom in bygone days it fato a hat worth five guineas. On the woman's part that is-" "Genius," finished the son promptly,

"It is," sighed the old man. "And a wealthy man can spend ten thousand pounds a year, and yet live no more comfortably than does another man on the wealthy man that is-" "Extravagance," chimed in young

Jenkins. "Now we come to the crucial point A married man can live on one-half the money required by a single man. On the part of the married man that

"Compulsory," said the son and they both sighed.-London Answers.

Tarnished Silver.

Tarnished silver is easily cleaned years in his gesture: "Peace be to this with powdered whiting mixed to a in an insane asylum for over a year. paste with ammonia and water. Rub of. I will not trespass long, my daughthe paste on with one leather and ter. I go south again with my mission chap. Mine to crazy, too, but she have another leather to polish it off unfulfilled." again.

peal, for he had selzed her hand and was fairly pulling her after him. Thus they began their race for the sheltering trees in the bottom. Breathless. sobbing from the excitement and the speed, not knowing by what accident the way was clear for them, the girl hurried along with him, dry-eyed and staring, as one who has seen a sight

preternaturally appalling. "You see"-he panted it out as they ran-"I tried to get word to you and could not. I feared you would attempt some such quixotic thing. They meant to kill me, of course. It would have been better so. Then when you came in I intended to anger the old scoundrel at me, and partly succeeded. Then when they threw me out my guard ran back and I sawed the raw hide that they had tied me with across an old wagon tire till I cut it through." A sputter of rifle shots cut short his explanation.

Pulling her to right and left to disturb the aim of the Mexicans, he dashed through the cottonwoods and ran up the slope. Even before the door of the house could be opened to them. they were pounding on the frame. A second later they staggered into the room to face the gray-bearded exdeputy sheriff.

"Where's Upton?" he demanded truculently. "Where's Upton?" Beyond a brief nod he paid no attention to Dorothy, nor even to Kynas-

"He's d-d-dead!" sobbed the girl, giving way at last. "Oh, Marian, he's dead! They have killed him! I shall never see him again!"

The girl, sobbing as only a bereaved daughter can, flung herself into the waiting arms of Mrs. Fane. She drew the half-fainting girl into bedroom, and so was not a witness of what followed. Had she remained in the living room, she would have

seen a fierce old gray wolf of a plainsman open the front door and with all the politeness he was master of say to the two prisoners: "Now, caballeros, it is your turn. The way lies clear to General Obispo. Take it."

He pointed fiercely down the slope. The two men ran hastily for the open "Don't!" said Kynaston hurriedly.

laying a detaining hand on the old arm that swung from the rifle barrel up in the glintleg sunlight. "You can't do it in cold blood!" "There ain't a drop of cold blood in any American who's been in Mexico

the past two years." The magazine gate clicked a carloving pressure of her fingers a group tridge into the chamber and the nervof angry men rushed through the open ous hand swung up the piece, the door and threw her forcibly back muzzie covering the fleeing figures. "There ain't a drop of cold blood in She fell to her knees. Staggering any Anglo-Saxon who's seen women again to her feet, she was aware, as an' little children shot down an' fourone in a dream, of a hideous, fury- teen-year-old kids snatched from their distorted face thrust within a foot of homes to take a hand in their killin' her father's scornful countenance; of bees. Seventy-five-yard law is what

at the leading runner, who crumpled Then came a sharp crack and a spit and rolled over as a shot rabbit rolls. fame-stumbling over the body, gave Wilkes time to snap a second cartridge into the chamber. Just as the man rose to his knees the bullet caught him squarely in the

> second time-to rise no more. "An' that's a part of the debt paid," growled the old man, his very beard quivering with rage. "The full debt ain't never goin' to be paid off, but anyhow there comes the third install-

Away down the hill, Kynaston, looking over the wavering rifle-barrel, saw figure come hesitatingly up the hill. He seized Wilkes by the shoulder. preventing the old man from firing. "Don't shoot," he said quietly. "Don't shoot. It's the blind priest. Perhaps and admirably equipped with farm mahe brings us news."

CHAPTER X.

The Blind Priest Halts. Very haltingly and slowly he came a year. In addition, he has an undividacross the open, his long stick taptapping his way among the loose rocks of the stream crossing; then up the hill slowly, as some wounded animal might crawl.

In the Mexican camp silence had again fallen. Save for a few sporadic shots and a shrill yell or two, the for good; that they cannot adapt themplace lay quiet in the red-hot glare. Between the house and the alfalfa a guard of four men. Behind a table Then the full meaning of the scene fields a few ione prairie dogs perched enacted under her eyes dawned upon atop their burrows, basking in the sun-

"I wonder what he wants," reupon her lips mercifully stifled it. A marked Kynaston. "There's been ne strong arm drew her back through the gotiations enough between us and that open door, and she heard, still as if in bunch of hell-cats yonder to end a war.

tent Indians are comparatively wealthy. Their lands are the most val-"Aye, I'm lookin'. I'm wonderin' if uable in the Indian country. They are it'd be a lick or miss to plug him, too. accorded all the privileges of white Wouldn't hurt none at that, I reckon." citizens, yet contribute not a cent to He fingered his rifle suggestively, seen this! Come quickly and make no but desisted when Kynaston shook his "Look! He's found the bodies." zens pay taxes.

The old padre paused abruptly as his stick struck soft flesh. They saw him kneel and reverently make the sign him! Murderers! Just as they prob- of the cross. Then, rising, he hurried haltingly toward the house. "Senores-senores!" they heard him cry. "Por l'amor de Dios-do no more violence! I bring you news."

"What news, ciego (blind Where is Senor Upton?" "Muerto (dead), senor." The padre threw wide his hands. They saw his face working. "It was wicked, senor! It was wick-

ed beyond words. But vengeance is God's. I am old, senores, who was once young, and I tell you with the psalmist, 'Never saw I the godly man forsaken nor the seed of the righteous begging his bread.' Seek not to hurry 1742 by Thomas Roddeley, whose por- man, solemnly, "is the source of all God's justice. It has leaden feet, but it comes surely." "I only hope it pleases him to send

it by my hand," growled Wilkes. "What is your news, padre? Speak quickly, for my trigger finger itches, if you did but know it." "Shoot, then, if it pleases thee, As well die by thy bullet as work out my

life slowly like a nack-mule in the tierra caliente of the south. Is that a woman's sobbing, senores?" "It is the senorita, she whose father was killed by the brandy-sodden fiend yonder. What is it to thee?"

"I would speak with her. After all, senores, I am a priest-a blind one, it is true; but I can still see well enough to point out to the unfortunate the only true path to peace." Dorothy and Mrs. Fane came for-

ing pluckily to repress her feeling. "Thou art welcome, father," she said in the vernacular. "It is a house of grief thou comest to, but thou art welcome-doubly so for thy calling." The old priest gently raised his hand with all the authority of two thousand

ward, the girl still weeping but striv-

less ferocity, the cunning and the daring of the Tuareg is mingled in all the traditions unpleasant to the more peaceful natives along the coast.

Have No Great Desire to Become Deposits in Uncle Sam's Banks Nearly \$100,090,000.

Reason Is to Be Found in Fact That Eight Offices in United States Now Hold More Than \$1,000,000 Each-More Than 600,000 Depositors.

Uncle Sam's bank is becoming quite aculties in carrying out his plans for an institution. It now has nearly conferring full citizenship upon those \$100,000,000 in deposits, representing Indians who, after an investigation, are the savings of more than 600,000 de-

deemed to be competent to manage positors. Following the enactment by congress of a law removing the limit of fashionable dinners-none of those partment believes that an important \$100 a month on deposits in postal factor in the solution of the Indian savings banks and increasing the problem is the placing upon the in- amount that may be accepted from a dividual Indian of the responsibilities single depositor from \$500 to \$1,000, of American citizenship as soon as he deposits in the postal savings banks shall have demonstrated his compe- have taken a decided jump. At the tency and he is working to this end. close of the last fiscal year the de-Some of the Indians, however, includ- posits had reached a total of \$86,000,ing some of the most progressive and | 000 and the number of depositors had competent men of their race, do not grown to 603,000. Increased business want to become American citizens- was reported from practically all of the 7,701 postal savings stations in In the working out of the problem the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico

with which he is confronted, Secretary and Hawaii. The largest gain for the last month Lane has named two competency boards, the members of which are ex- of the fiscal year was registered by amining personally each Indian on ev- the New York post office, with an inery reservation who may be regarded crease of \$528,912 in deposits. The as competent to meet the requirements Brooklyn office stands second with a by yielding up your individuality to of citizenship. Of the several thou- gain of \$262,205. The other large in- suit the whim of the worthless. sands examined by the boards, ap- creases are reported in the following

proximately 500 have been recommend- order: ed to Secretary Lane for citizenship. Detroit, \$167,252; Chicago, \$123, straightway the world wonders, ad-Protests from a few of those rec. 042; Boston, \$91,069; Pittsburgh, \$88,- mires and crowns the determined ommended by the boards as competent 304; Butte, \$76,171; Cleveland, \$74. doer, and yet it only illustrates what speculative purposes. 754; Buffalo, \$52,946; Milwaukee, \$48,have been received by the secretary. They do not want citizenship to be 497; Philadelphia, \$47,088; Portland, Ore., \$46,448; Newark, \$40,337; St. thrust upon them. From Leo Samp-Louis, \$39,139; Bisbee, Ariz., \$32,229; son and Allen Patawa, two full-blood-Kansas City, \$32,012; San Antonio, ed Umatilla Indians of Oregon, Secretary Lane is in receipt of a joint let- \$28,551; Los Angeles, \$28,406; Leadter saying that they had declined to ville, Colo., \$27,876; San Francisco, \$27,724; Bridgeport, Conn., \$26,900; make application for patents in fee for Pueblo, Colo., \$24.014; Jersey City, their allotments and stating the rea-\$23,550; Akron, \$23,082; Columbus sons why they do not want patents in \$22,766; Tacoma, \$22,430; Toledo fee to be issued to them at this time. \$20,772; Erie, Pa., \$19,552; Gary, Ind., Patawa and his wife hold an allot-\$19,509; San Diego, \$18,631; McKeesment conservatively worth \$10,000. It is well stocked with horses and cattle port, Pa., \$17,439; Uniontown, Pa., \$17,437; Waterbury, Conn., \$17,213. Eight post offices have passed the strangely from a mass of explorers' chinery. Patawa is industrious and million-dollar mark in the banking end data to suggest pretty strongly that well educated and is making money. of their business. They are New York, current pessimism over the decreasing Sampson is an interpreter at the Uma-Brooklyn, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, tilla agency on a salary of \$500 a year Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Port- is not-well justified. This new field, land, Ore. These eight offices hold approximately 42 per cent of all the d interest in other property. He is nighly intelligent and was given an ex-

At Uniontown, Pa., the deposits inreased from \$26,312 on June 30, 1915, as far as the town of Alexandrovsky to \$114,886 on June 30, 1916, a gain of Gal, runs nearly due east to the town \$88,574, or 837 per cent.

ICHTHYOL SUPPLY ASSURED Source of Material in Austrian Tyrol white men; that if they are required Cut Off by War, but American Genius Finds a Substitute.

Breathe easy once again. You won't have to go without your ichthyol, even though the European war has cut off the usual source of supply. But, possibly, you haven't noticed the shortage in ichthyol, or maybe, again, you don't know whether ichthyol is some thing to eat or something to wear. Ichthyol is an asphaltic material

the maintenance of roads, bridges and which is employed as an antiseptic schools, or to the cost of other facilmedicament. Before the war it was ities and conveniences for which citiimported from Europe. It is derived from a bituminous rock, filled with It is the purpose of Secretary Lane fossil fish, that is found in the Austo be assured that only competent and trian Tyrol. American imports had intrustworthy Indians be made citizens, creased from 24,000 pounds in 1910 to and to that end he is having thorough 60,000 pounds in 1914, but dropped of investigation made of each case; but in 1915 to less than 25,000 pounds. he is determined that the mere expe-It looked as if the war would dedient of tax-dodging shall not avail to prive the United States of this mateprevent an Indian, simply because he rial, but, prompted by necessity, Ameris an Indian, from assuming the duties ican genius has, in this case, as in lng, and now we are both trying to and responsibilities of American citimany others, found something "just as guess what the things were meant

So far as known, there are in the United States no deposits of asphaltic Census returns for the six big cities material of the peculiar type from of Japan at the end of last year, as which ichthyol is derived, but Ameriannounced by the Yokohama munici- can chemists have solved the problem pality and reported to Uncle Sam are, of supplying the domestic needs in this | tirely unfamiliar to the gentleman, as follows: Tokio, 2,244,796; Osaka, regard, and favorably recommended 1,460,218; Kyoto, 539,153; Kobe, 498, substitutes for ichthyol, prepared from 317; Yekohama, 428,663; Nagoya, 389, domestic materials by synthetic meth-

Bollvian Finances, rants to the amount of 10,000,000 boli-The 1916 budget estimates of Bovars, or \$3,893,000. livia, as published in the West Coast Leader, place the expenditures at \$8,-No Servant Problem Here. 700,000 (in round numbers) and the revenues at \$5,600,000, leaving a deficit of \$3,100,000. Deducting the dis- La., according to the American Magacount on salaries recently authorized | zine. She has had one servant in her by the Bolivian government, amount- family for 63 years, a negro woman ing to \$600,000, a deficit of \$2,500,000 who commenced her duties as pervant remains. Adding to this the 1915 de- eight years before the Civil war beficit of \$1,400,000, there is a total ae- | gan. The name of this paragon, who ficit of \$3,900,000, which is to be pro- shows that the old-time darky devovided for by an issue of customs war- tion still exists, is Mrs. Sophie Simms.

Ferocious Tuaregs. From Morocco to Tripoli the relent- ports. The Tuaregs, meanwhile, openly spy tic way says: "We hear all the time upon the caravans in course of outfit- about homes being wrecked by the in ting in the coast cities and thrive up- ability of women to keep house; juson the tribute they are able to exact. as many have been wrecked by the in Still, the time is coming when the ability of the man. A young man at long caravan will no longer cross the the mercy of his plumber, and who desert, but the Sudan products will wields a carving knife as if it were a be carried by railway to Port Sudan | clam hoe isn't fit for marriage."

ears. ods, are now available in the markets. claimed. "But I'm not strong on those c'assical pieces. That is a good un. What is it?" The spinster cast down

The servant problem has not bothered Mrs. H. L. Garland of Opelousas, "Ah, Berrybutton! I am sorry to see you looking so badly battered. Were you run down by an automoblle?" "No, sah; but t'anky for de compermunt, dess de same sah," replied Brother Berrybutton, "I was done knocked down and drug 'round 'mongst de scenery by a buil calf."-Kansas City Star. or down the Congo river for European Mrs. Styles-So the schoolteacher

said your daughter is backward? Essential to Joyous Wedlock. In the Woman's Home Companion a writer thoroughly trained in a domesdaughter's so forward, you know."

LITTLE ESSAY ON PANTS MAKING RAPID STRIDES Some Very Interesting Thoughts on

Those Worn by Male of the

Species.

worn mainly by males.

manac.)

and been new.

tilated places.

And sew on.

thick.

winter and thinner in summer.

are a business to themselves.

work at much else at the time.

wore pants that were not new.

were connected by other patches.

things has any terror for me.

proval of conscience.

are to be directed.

of life with a purpose.

force yourself into one.

You cannot dream yourself into a

character. You must hammer and

New Russian Oil Fields.

A newly verified Russian oil field.

with an area of about 70,000 square

miles, or about twice the size of the

New England states, now emerges

output of the oil fields of the Caucasus

according to Russia, the monthly organ

of R. Martens & Co., is located in the

Ural province, begins at the Caspian

sea, taking a fanlike shape to the north

of Temir and from there in a southerly

and southwesterly directions, following

the Emba river to the Caspian sea

again. Although an attempt was made

by the government to encourage the

commercial exploration of this coun-

try as far back as 1899, no serious de-

very short time ago. Russia more now

than ever, is feeling effects of the high

prices of petroleum and its absolute

necessity has led to the discovery of

Conundrums.

It is often said that love is blind,

and, judging by the experience of a

the young wife, as she wiped the

tears of joy from her eyes. "My hus-

band painted and I cooked this morn-

The "Maiden's Prayer."

elderly spinster sat in a concert hall.

The selections were apparently en-

but when the wedding march of Men-

delssohn was begun he pricked up his

"That sounds familiar." he ex-

her eyes, "That," she told him, de-

Backward and Forward.

Mrs. Myles-Yes, she did.

out with either hand."

ord with his mouth."

"What will you do about it?"

"Well, I was going to have her go

"I know a pitcher who can strike 'em

"That's nothing; I know of a fel-

low who has made a big strikeout rec-

with your daughter for a while. Your

Freak Pitching.

murely, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer,' "

An elderly bachelor and an equally

these fields.-Wall Street Journal.

sense of taste, either.

velopment work had been done until a

is no will.

Woman's Winning Force.

And when human legs made of any

Canada Improving in Every Way States followed the costly and destruc-Pants are of two kinds; human and -Agriculturally, Commercially The human pants of commerce are and Financially.

But equal rights prevail among Human pants are worn thicker in

tive ability of that country. The dog's pants come thicker in the Recently the managing directors of The dog's lungs are the seat of its pants. (Date 1875, Hostetter's Al-White pants are not a garment. They The man who wears them doesn't

"The beauty of it is the way in hard and intelligent effort. When I was small and on a farm, I which payments are coming in. Merchants all over the West are taking So far as I could find out, they never their each discounts. Such a transformation I never saw.

When they had been first worn out, "From the records in the office I by the first tailless ancestor I had, knew it was getting better. We clear they had been patched at all the venhere every retail merchant in the country every three months, and we are When the original goods were out therefore in the closest touch and have between the patches, the first patches intimate knowledge of the way trade is going and how payments are being made. Conditions at the present mo-Where they overlapped—the patches ment are better than I had dreamed it -the goods became about an inch

was possible that they should be, "The statements which we are receiving with reference to the standing material less durable than vulcanized of country merchants indicates that flint are incased in a set of inch-and-atall. It is quite remarkable. Men who ed States, in spite of numerous cathere will be very few failures this guarter Deer Island leans trousers patched with every kind of heavy have been behind for years and in the goods from horse blankets to remhole are actually paying spot cash for nants of rag carpet-when, I say, any human nether limbs are incarcerated this fall will have more money than at present the most advantageous for in these bendless tubular garments in a wheat field on a southwest hillside at they know what to do with. two o'clock on a clear, still day when "This is about the condition of trade,

the temperature is 110 in the shade and I am glad to say there is no exagand there is no shade, the owner of geration in what I have said. The said legs thinks longingly of the bastile, the stocks, the pincers, the guilsplendid condition." lotine, the pillory, the thumb-screw, Crop reports are also good, From the rack, the stake and other religious

all parts comes the word that the crop I have gone long days in the wheat conditions were never better, and the situation at the time of writing is field in a pair of such asbestos pants that there will be fully as great a lined with sandpaper or barbed wire, vield as in 1915, when the average of and now death or public speaking or wheat over the entire country was upwards of 30 bushels per acre. The harvest therefore will be a heavy one-I playfully inquire of death as to the location of its stinger.-Farm Life. and, following the magnificent harvest of last year, the farmers of Western Canada will all be in splendid shape. Old indebtednesses, much of which The winning force in woman's life is followed them from their old homes. first of all, purpose-a purpose which are being wiped out, improvements are carries with it the assent of reason, now being planned, and additional the judgment of the mind and the ap-

acres added to their present holdings. During the past year there was a This purpose must be your ownlarge increase in the land sales both by not another's. The sorrowful experiences of many women is that they are always children, with no plan of by private individuals. A great many life, no will by which their energies of the purchases were made by farm-Don't drift, but steer. Dare to be singular. Scorn to degrade vourself who know the country best are adding Now and then a woman stands aside from the crowd, labors steadfastly and

country is found in the fact that such woman might become if she took hold chasing automobiles. Determine to live for something lasting. Even goodness falls where there

'Alleged hard times in Manitoba have not dampened the ardor of motorists or prospective ones. The automobile least, the richest unit of the British license department reported a few empire, and it behooves us in the Unitdays since that there are 1,600 more ed States to know our Canada." private owners of cars in the province this year than last. The number of Western Canada are everything that licenses issued this year was 10,400, as could be desired. Schools have been against 8,800 last year. At an aver- established in all districts where there age cost of \$1,000 each the newly pur- may be ten or twelve children of school \$1,600,000, while the total number of by liberal government grants. A fund cars in the province are worth approx- for this purpose is raised from the imately \$10,000,000. The new cars are revenue derived from the sale of school of modern types.

Many people, for some unexplained eason, have feared and continue to higher branches of education are cared fear that this country will experience for, there being high schools at all a period of industrial and business duliness after the war. There seems to be no justification for such a specu-

reasons for belief in the prediction of in every hamlet and village, and in Mr. Kingman Nott Robins, vice presi- far-off settlements the pastor finds an dent of the Farm Mortgage Bankers' attentive congregation. The rural tele-Association of America, who, in the phone is one of the great modern con-Monetary Times, declares that Canada veniences that brings the farm home will experience her greatest propor- nearer to the market. tionate development in production im- It is not saying too much to state mediately after the conclusion of the that in matters of social importance, war. The country will certainly have in the most remote settlements they exceptionally favorable commercial carry with them the same influence as conditions to take advantage of.

RACE COLORING DUE TO FOOD! EXPERIMENT NOT A SUCCESS Diet of Various Peoples Said to Be

newly married couple, it hasn't much Real Cause of the Difference in Hue of Skin. A few weeks after the wedding a friend dropped into the bridegroom's Certain authorities hold that the pigstudio and found the artist and his mentation of the races is due to feedbride laughing heartily at some joke. ing. It is pointed out that in the ani-"What ever is amusing you so mal world color is often determined by much?" he asked in amazement. food, and it is contended that by chem-"Oh, It's been so funny," gurgled

Ical process the same results are shown in the different human races. According to this theory, the original man was black, since his chief diet must have been vegetarian. Fruit and vegetables contain manganates that ally themselves with Iron, constituting a "dark brown combination." Negroes who add meat and milk to

their vegetable fare are never as dark as those negroes who eat only vegetables. Indians are red, it appears, because they have absorbed for generations haemoglobin, the red substance in the blood of animals killed for food.

Mongols are yellow by reason of the fact that they are descended from dark fruit-enting races who penetrated' into the plains of Asia, became shepherds, and lived to a great extent on milk, which contains chlorine and has a bleaching effect.

The Caucasians were another branch who became still whiter by adding salt to their dietary. Common salt is a strong chloride and a powerful agent in bleaching the skin. The effect can be seen, it is declared, in the case of negro children who have been reared on a "white" dietary. They are never so black as their kindred who have not abandoned vegetarianism.

Confused. A flustered woman was seen run ning wildly about in the corridors of a large rallway station. "What are you looking for, madam?

questioned an officer. "I-I am looking for the entrance to the outside!" responded the woman nervously.

It is easier to keep a good-for-nothing dog in the house than it is to keep the wolf from the door.

sins they can't lie out of.

and along with this, the natural tendency of the allies to trade among themselves, and perhaps special trading privileges. Mr. Robins points out that the greatest development in the United tive civil war.

Mr. Robins, in an address before the Bondmen's Club of Chicago, expressed the opinion of a far-thinking mind and The reports coming to hand every the review of an experience of the last day from all branches of industry in of his numerous trips through the Ca-Canada speak highly of the construc- nadian West. When he said he regarded the spirit of the Canadian people, as he found it, the most adthe Canadian Credit Men's Associa- mirable and encouraging feature of tion gave out the statement that business in Western Canada was good. In the sacrifices of war courageously and every branch it is better than in 1913. with calm confidence as to the result, and everyone will remember that in and in similar spirit they face the ecothat year business was excellent. He nomic future, confident, but expecting to solve their problems only by dint of

An important part of Mr. Robins' address, which invites earnest attention, is that in which he refers to the land situation, and when his remarks are quoted they carry with them the impression gained by one who has given the question the careful thought of a man experienced in economic questions, and specially those relating to soil and its production. He is quoted as saying:

"Agricultural Canada was never so prosperous, and immigration of agricultural population both during and after the war seems a logical expectation, finding support in an increasing immigration at present from the Unitnards spread broadcast throughout the United States to discourage emigration everything, and taking their cash discounts. Banks and loan companies ada, however, as long as they are as the settler of any on the continent, must continue to attract, despite misrepresentation, and on the increase of its agricultural and other primarily business of the prairie provinces is in productive population depends the economic future of Canada. All other problems are secondary to this, and the large interests of Canada, recognizing this fact, are preparing to secure and hold this population both during and after the war. They are content to let city development and other secondary phases and superstructure follow in natural course. This recognition of the true basis of economic development is an encouraging augury for the future."

"The war has brought the United States and Canada nearer together economically than ever before. The total investment of United States capital in Canada doubtless exceeds \$1,000 .-000,000, of which \$300,000,000 has been invested since the war began. Except for Great Britain. Canada is the Unitthe Canadian Pacific and Canadian ed States' best customer. Our exports Northern land companies, as well as to all of South America in the last three years were less than a third of our exports to Canada in the same pe ers who thus secured adjoining quar- riod, although Canada has been rigidly ters or halves, the best evidence prob- reducing her imports since the war beably that could be had of the value gan. Even France, a good customer of Western Canada land when those of the United States, bought \$70,000. 000 less than Canada during 1913, 1914. to their holdings. A number of out- 1915. And yet Canada's purchasing siders have also been purchasers, but power is in the first stages of developvery little land has changed hands for ment only. It has been estimated that the United States can support a popu-An evidence of the prosperity of the lation of 600,000,000. Using the same basis of calculation in reference to nata large number of farmers are purpopulation of 400,000,000.

"Canada is potentially the most populous, and, in primary production, at

The social conditions throughout chased cars represent a total outlay of age, and these are largely maintained land, one-eighteenth of all lands being set aside as school lands. All the important centers, and colleges and universities in the principal cities.

The different religious denominations prevail, each having its separate On the contrary, there are sound church, and religious services are held

is to be found in the most prosperous There will be the great need of Eu- farming districts of any of the states rope in the work of reconstruction, of the Union.-Advertisement

> "Pa's" Brilliant Idea Merely Resulted in a-Remarkable Rise in Rolled Oats.

A small boy appeared at the back door of a neighbor's house in Hunting Park avenue a day or so ago and sald to the matron who opened the door: "Good morning." "Good morning," the housewife re-

turned, somewhat curiously.

"I came over to tell you something." "Well, what is it?" "Last evening my papa was angry because the water boiled out of the steamer under the rolled oats." "Is that so?"

"Yes. And then he made up his mind to fix the steamer so that it couldn't happen again." "What did he do?" "He put some water in the steamer

and then soldered it all up." "Is that what you came over to tell me? "Yes, and to borrow your stepladder.

"What do you want with the steptadder?" "I want it so father can scrape all the rolled oats off the ceiling this morning."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Ain't it too bad about that poor Hawkins boy next door?" said the washerwoman. "Why, what's the trouble with him?" asked Mrs. Miller. "He's such an awful dummy, ma'am,

Slow Progress.

Mrs. Hawkins was tellin' yesterday, when I was over there washin', that they've been sendin' him to college for three years to learn how to be an engineer, and he ain't through yet. Why, my cousin Tim never went to college a day in his life, and he's one of the best engineers on the X, Y & Z."

Subtle Politeness. "Bliggins always agrees with anv-

thing I say.' "Yes. It's his way of intimating that he doesn't consider your views suffi-Most men are willing to confess the ciently important to be worthy of an argument."